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WASTECAP NEBRASKA: Green Team Training

Did you know?

Green teams or sustainability task forces are often formed as a response to a particular problem or need. Some teams develop and build on that initial project, continuously improving and widening their circle of influence. Other teams start with enthusiasm, but over time...just...fade away. What is the secret to a high-functioning team?



Effective green teams have...

- A cross-section of employees from all functional areas, departments and/or divisions;
- Diversity in age, gender, culture and ethnicity, skills and interests; new and long-time employees;
- At least one champion from upper management;
- A business case or value proposition for undertaking sustainability actions;
- A written team charter with guiding principles, scope, mission and vision, and a basic agreement on how the team operates;
- A system for understanding impacts, setting priorities, selecting projects, organizing actions and measuring improvements;
- Integrated their sustainability plan into normal operations;
- A budget for sustainability;
- Networked both internally and externally;
- Engaged employees early and often;
- Measured and recorded data sets for every project;

And they Celebrate success!

What can you do?

Consider hiring a consultant to help your team get off to a good start. WasteCap Nebraska has trained professionals that can help. Contact Julie Diegel at jdiegel@wastecapne.org or call 402-436-2384 x1001.

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